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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would prohibit public K-12 schools
6 from being a member of an athletic association whose
7 governing body is comprised of certain members and that
8 enforces rules relating to student-athlete eligibility
9 which were not adopted in accordance with the Alabama
10 Administrative Procedure Act.

11 This bill would also authorize the Legislative
12 Council to allow any entity to voluntarily adopt rules
13 pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

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16 A BILL

17 TO BE ENTITLED

18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to public K-12 school athletics; to prohibit
21 schools from being a member of an athletic association whose
22 board is of a certain composition and that enforces certain
23 rules not adopted in accordance with the Alabama
24 Administrative Procedure Act; and to authorize the Legislative
25 Council to allow any entity to voluntarily adopt rules
26 pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

28 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the term

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29 "athletic association" has the same meaning as provided in
30 Section 16-1-52.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

31 (b) A public K-12 school may not be a member of an
32 athletic association unless the association's governing body,
33 including a central board of control, is comprised of at least
34 50 percent of members who are appointed by the Governor,
35 Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore
36 of the Senate, or the Lieutenant Governor, including four
37 members who are appointed by the Governor, four members who
38 are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
39 four members who are appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
40 the Senate, and three members who are appointed by the
41 Lieutenant Governor.

42 (c) A public K-12 school may not be a member of an
43 athletic association that enforces a rule, regulation, bylaw,
44 or other directive relating to the eligibility of
45 student-athletes to participate in athletics which was not
46 adopted in accordance with the Alabama Administrative
47 Procedure Act, Chapter 22 of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975.

48 Section 2. The Legislative Council may authorize any
49 entity to voluntarily adopt rules pursuant to the Alabama
50 Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 22 of Title 41, Code of
51 Alabama 1975.

52 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
53 1, 2026.